



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**



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Distinguished Members of the Committee on Children

**FROM:** Vannessa Dorantes, Commissioner  
Department of Children and Families

**DATE:** March 29, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report Concerning Actual or Suspected Instance of Animal Neglect or Cruelty, C.G.S. § 17a-110c

I am pleased to submit the 2021 Annual Report Concerning Actual or Suspected Instance of Animal Neglect or Cruelty as required under C.G.S. section 17a-110c.

Between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, The Department of Children and Families has received a total of one hundred and thirty-four (134) written reports from the Department of Agriculture. Of the one hundred and thirty four (134) reports received, twenty were open cases, thirty six (36) had histories with DCF and eight (8) reports met the standard for an abuse/neglect investigation based on the initial information provided in the written report.

In addition, I'm attaching a de-identified summary of the reports received, by month, for your review.

Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact Lisa Daymonde, Director of Careline Operations at: 860-560-7001 or [Lisa.Daymonde@CT.GOV](mailto:Lisa.Daymonde@CT.GOV).

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<b>Month</b>	<b>Reports Received</b>	<b>Open Case</b>	<b>Prior DCF History</b>	<b>Reports that Met Standard for Investigation</b>
January	4	2		
February	8	1	1	1
March	26	2	7	3
April	11	3	3	
May	11	2	2	
June	11		3	
July	15	2	3	
August	5		1	
September	12	3	3	1
October	11	2	5	0
November	10	2	6	2
December	10	1	2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>